

Social World

EDNA CLOYD, Editor

DEC. 16, 1956

TORRANCE HERALD

Nine

Nursery Youngsters Fascinated On Trip To Fire Dept. Station

By ELEANOR GILBERT

Fulfilling one of childhood's deep desires, the 4- and 5-year-olds of the Coast Cooperative Nursery school visited the headquarters station of the Torrance Fire Department last Friday. They got to see and hear a "test alarm." They climbed in the truck and tried on the firemen's boots and helmets. They watched the fireman-"cook" prepare eggs and watched an engineer slide down the pole.

While showing the children the latest in firefighting equipment, Captain William Johnston also stressed safety rules. To the parents he passed on suggestions which would make the Christmas holidays safe as well as merry.

Primary among them were: Trees should be sprayed with retardant and set in water or wet sand. Don't use lights with frayed cords, and don't leave the lights burning when no one is home.

When the needles start to fall, the tree should be discarded. Break the tree in several places and tie in a bundle for the rubbish pick-up. A large dry tree will be consumed in 15 to 20 seconds. Dry Christmas trees are not safe playthings for children.

The station, completed in September 1955, has the new and polished look of a brand-

new building. The children were much impressed that the "daddies" scrub, wax and polish everything themselves. Fireman Gilbert Hatfield explained that each man has a special thing to do each day. His job is assigned at the 8 o'clock line-up each morning.

Cakes prepared by Fireman Al Salcido were a source of wonder to the youngsters. Fire Marshal Robert R. Lucas explained that the men

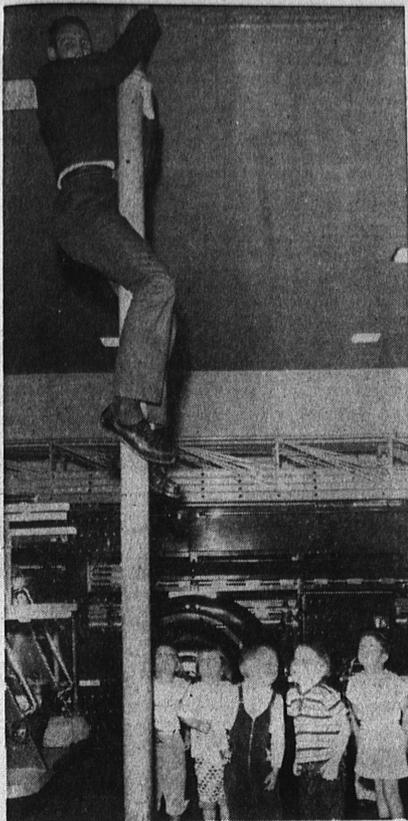
MISSOURI HOLIDAY

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jackson, Kent, Janice and Jo Beth, 3480 Del Amo left Friday for Missouri to spend the holidays. They will visit Mrs. Jackson's parents in Bolivar and with other relatives in Hermitage and Eldorado Springs.

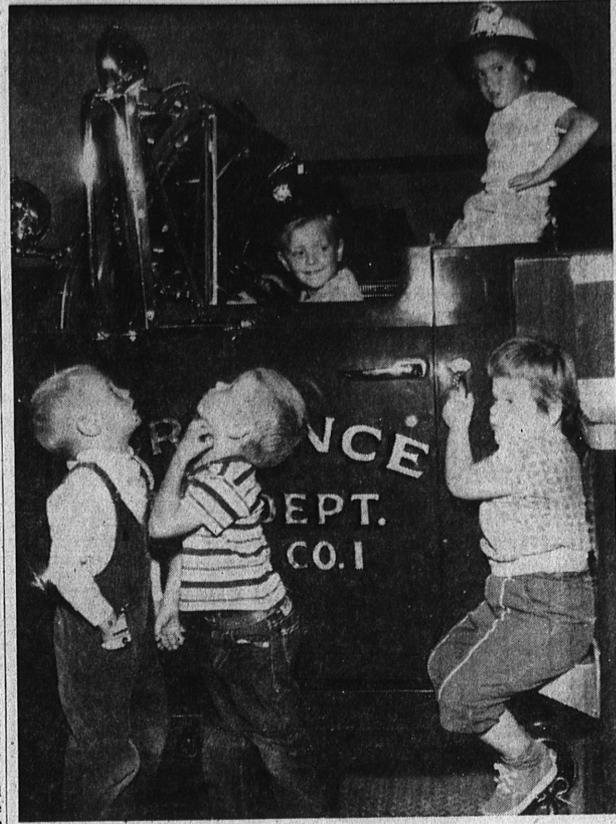
take turns with a thirty-day cooking detail. With close to 20 square miles of area to cover, there are 68 regular men and officers, according to Inspector E. F. Polston of the Fire Prevention Bureau.

The trip to the fire station is one of the many field trips scheduled for the children of the Coast Cooperative Nursery school. Information about the school may be had by calling Mrs. Hugh Johnston, 626 Palos Verdes Blvd., or Mrs. Leslie W. Libbee, 214 Calle de Arboles.

As Capt. Johnson explained that when the telephone in the dormitory rings, lights come on and the alarm sounds, one little voice piped up full of awe, "Doesn't that scare you in the middle of the night?"



GEE, I'D LIKE TO TRY THAT . . . Is Chris Collar asking, "Isn't there an easier way of doing this?" Roger Russel's not sure. Lee Anna Downs and Barbara Hunter are asking, "Is it a bird? Is it a plane?" No, it's one of the "supermen" of the Torrance Fire Department. Chris Toovey is philosophical about the whole thing.



OH THAT BIG TRUCK . . . Chris Toovey looks like he's preparing to repel all boarders. Chrissy Gilbert can't contain his delight in being a "driver" on a real fire engine. Roger Russel and Chris Collar are pondering the whole thing and wondering if this trip is really necessary. Barbara Mosher is all set on the jump-seat, whatever happens.

J. J. Benners Greet Guests At Yule Party

A beautiful Christmas tree aglow in silver, red and green standing in the large front window at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Benners, 1229 Acacia last evening welcomed a number of guests to a delightful holiday party.

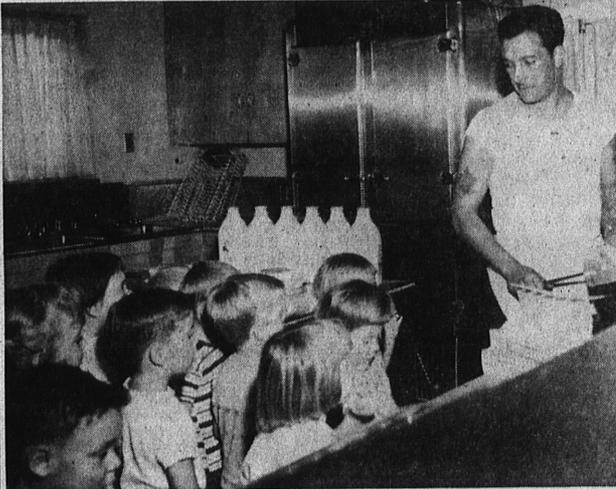
Other Christmas decorations were at vantage points in the room and the dining table was centered with silver and red ornaments in a silver and white holder. At one end of the table was the wassail bowl. A buffet of colorful Christmas dainties were served with the holiday cheer.

Invited to share the holiday hospitality at the Benners home were: Mayor and Mrs. Albert Ison, Messrs. and Mmes. Willis Blount, Nick Dralle, Victor Benstead, Lawrence John, George Stevens, John Patrick, M. M. Schwab, John Wardlaw, Jim Hall.

Others were Messrs. and Mmes. Donald Mansfield, George Springstead and the hosts' daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Al Sadunas of Bakersfield and their son and his wife Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Benners.



GETTING ALL DRESSED UP . . . Ricky Punsly asks, "Are you sure this is the way it's done?" as Chrissy Gilbert patiently demonstrates how the firemen slide into boots and pants, all in one operation, when the alarm bell rings. The girls, Casey Johnston and Kay Waldrip, wonder if they'll fit. Chris Toovey thinks he'd rather stay in bed.



FOOD, THAT ALL IMPORTANT TOPIC . . . Fireman Al Salcido demonstrates that "daddies" can cook, too. Menus and recipes are supplied by the firemen's wives. The men have 30-day stints of meal-planning and preparation. Barbara M. and Ricky are a little dubious. But the other children are convinced and wide-eyed with admiration. The galley contains the latest in kitchen equipment, and it's kept spotless and sparkling by the men themselves.

WESLEYAN DINNER TUESDAY, DEC. 18

Wesleyan Service Guild, an auxiliary to the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, will hold its regular monthly dinner meeting next Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship hall at the church. The dinner will be followed by a Christmas party for members. Mrs. Ethel Hutchison, 2825 Onrado, has planned an entertaining evening. Each guest will bring a small

gift for an exchange, as well as a jar of jelly or canned food to be sent to the Spanish American Institute.

All working women are invited to join the Wesleyan Guild. Those interested may call Mrs. Leona Eads, 2232 W. 238th St.

Woman's Club Hostess to Marina District Officers

Over 100 members and guests were present when the Torrance Woman's Club was hostess to a Marina district meeting of presidents and officers at the clubhouse, 1422 Engracia, on Dec. 5.

The Christmas motif was beautifully used in decorating for the occasion by Mrs. H. C. Sandberg and Mrs. John Thuss. Guests were greeted in the foyer by Mrs. Ray Richards and Mrs. W. I. Laughon, hospitality chairmen.

Mrs. Lee A. McCoy, president, conducted the meeting at which the inspiration was given by Mrs. Alan Moore and the group singing of the doxology accompanied by Mrs. James Burchett.

Mrs. Don Quinlivan introduced the guests who were: Mrs. E. T. Goetz, Marina District president; Mrs. G. W. Putnam, first vice president; Mrs. V. McCarthy, recording secretary; Mrs. J. N. Gorham, federation extension secretary; Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, financial secretary; Mrs. G. W. Chown, treasurer; Mrs. E. Graf, auditor; Mrs. R. B. Jones, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. A. Weathers, parliamentarian; Mrs. Glenn Hovey, California Past President's Club.

District presidents in attendance were Mrs. Mona Kazmar, Culver City; Mrs. Sam Douglass, El Segundo; Mrs. J. E. Dunaway, Hawthorne; Mrs. George E. Hutchins, Hermosa Beach; Mrs. A. E. Fabian, Inglewood; Mrs. Karl E. Bishop, Mar Vista; Mrs. E. M. Brandvig, Neptunian Club; Mrs. H. A. DeWitt, Pacific Palisades; Mrs. C. D. Griffin, Playa Del Rey; Mrs. B. A. Ellery, Santa

Monica and Mrs. A. W. Day, Venice.

Hostesses were Mmes. A. R. Fiorelli, E. A. Miles, M. A. Bauerman, Lillian Dunhouse, R. Bingham, R. J. Prout, A. F. R. Ewalt, Ervin Mundy, J. B. Scott, R. E. Moffitt, and T. J. McCutcheon. Mrs. Parke Montague, membership chairman introduced two new members: Mrs. Mildred Evans and Mr. Peter Bodstra.

Guests from the Junior Women's Club were presented by Mrs. Ewalt. They were Mmes. Howard Altermatt, John Schwartz, William Rogers, Lee Allen, Robert Mowry and Robert Eipper.

After the reports from federation chairman the Junior Pipers entertained with a program of Christmas music.

The club's next meeting will be a pot luck and gift exchange on Dec. 19.

ALASKA GUEST

Donald Lutes of Anchorage, Alaska arrived by plane to spend the holidays here with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Snyder, 1624 Fern Ave. and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Lutes in North Long Beach. The family will have Christmas dinner at the home of another sister, Mrs. Helen States in Westminster.

Dilley-Reece Rites Read In Tujunga

Before an altar banked with chrysanthemums and white gladioli in the Open Bible Church in Tujunga on Sunday afternoon Dec. 2, Miss Carol Jean Dilly became the bride of Lee G. Reece. The double ring marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Glenn Perry.

For her wedding, the bride wore a beige embossed silk afternoon gown trimmed with rhinestone and pearls. She wore matching accessories and carried a bouquet of orchids atop a white Bible.

Mrs. Eleanor Henley wearing a rose lace gown, and a corsage of pink carnations was her sister's matron of honor. Norman Kasson was best man.

Mark Davenport, brother of the bride, played a prelude of nuptial music and accompanied Mrs. Maxine Davenport as she sang "I Love You Truly."

A three tiered wedding cake decorated the table at the reception. Serving were Mrs. Lorene Griffin and Doris Jones.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davenport of Manhattan Beach. After a honeymoon, the

H. Altermatts Party Hosts

This evening Mr. and Mrs. Howard Altermatt will entertain a group of friends at their home 1323 Hickory Ave. at cocktails and a buffet supper honoring Mr. and Mrs. John Kemp who leave Tuesday for Connecticut to make their home.

Red candles and red carnations will decorate the buffet table and other Christmas decorations will adorn the rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Altermatt's guests besides Mr. and Mrs. Kemp will be Messrs. and Mmes. Charles Boyle, Harry Clark, J. E. Ward, of Inglewood; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tracy of Riverside; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wood of Torrance, and Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Mountain of Los Angeles.

IN SAN FRANCISCO

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dabbs, 1640 Juniper Ave., spent three days last week in San Francisco attending the state school board convention.

couple will be established in their newly purchased home in the Southwest Homes area in Torrance. Mr. Reece is employed at North American Aircraft.

Their Wedding Day in 1906



Today, Their 50th Anniversary



MR. AND MRS. FRANK WOODARD

... Cherish the Years

Golden Wedding Bells Ring For Mr., Mrs. Frank Woodard

"Never go to bed mad at your husband" is the bit of serious philosophy for a successful marriage handed to the young women of today by Mrs. Frank Woodard, 701 Cota, who with her husband is celebrating her Golden Wedding Anniversary.

With a twinkle in his eye, Mr. Woodard's bit of advice to a young man is "if you have to quarrel with your wife, always make it a point to win."

Mr. and Mrs. Woodard, who were married Dec. 16, 1906, in Loveland, Colo., will be honored at an open house this afternoon at their home planned by their daughter, Mrs. Harriett Jelsma, 2130 Santa Fe Ave. The hours will be from 2 until 4 o'clock. Mrs. Jelsma has arranged a gold and white color theme for decorating and a huge gold and white anniversary cake will center the table.

With the couple today will be their two grandsons, Patrick Jelsma and his wife and Michael Jelsma. Among the 100 guests who have been invited will be a friend of 40 years, Mrs. Lottie Ashmore of Compton. Mrs. Woodard's brother, Leo McMillan, 1919

Gramercy, who attended the wedding 50 years ago, will also be present at today's party. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard came to Torrance in 1944 from Scotts Bluff, Neb. Mr. Woodard retired two years ago after serving nine years with the Los Angeles Housing Authority. Both Mr. and Mrs. Woodard are active in the Torrance Four Square Church and the minister, the Rev. James Lovin, will be among the guests today. Mrs. Woodard, 68, and Mr. Woodard, 74, keep busy sharing the household chores and working at the church. At present they are eagerly anticipating the month of February because "that's when we will become great-grandparents," they confided joyfully.